Abbitt Opposes Current Bill

Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt, Democrate from the Fourth District, spoke out against the civil rights bill, which is now before the United States Congress Abbitt, as do many other southern Democrates, fears the consequences if this irrational proposal is allowed to be made a law.

The action came Wednesday, Feb 5, during the second session of the 88th Congress. W. M. Abbitt went before his cohorts and presented his firm beliefs and mald stand to them. The following is a transcript of his proclamation in its entirety.

Mr. ABBITT. Mr. Chairman, I am unalterably opposed to the so-called civil rights bill and condemn it with all the vigor at my command.

This is the most iniquitous, liberty - destroying proposal that has ever been reported to the Congress by one of its committees. Even in Reconstruction times — when the wrath of the congressional radicals was pursued upon the South — nothing so far reaching or devastating was ever conceived by those who sought to implement the 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution.

This is a vicious bill. It was conceived and framed by forces within this country who seek more than they publicly declare as their objectives. This bill is a blueprint for a massive usurpation of power by the Federal Government — power that dwarfs the powers which we now visualize as being excessive in some areas of society. The powers sought are far beyond those which an honest man would want and which a dishonest man should have.

The powers which this bill would give are so far reaching, so all encompassing and so undermining of personal freedom and private enterprise that I do not believe a Member of this House can truly foresee the ultimate effects of its enactment. If this bill is enacted into law — and the powers conveyed therein are used to the fullest extent possible — the future of democratic government in this land will be greatly marred. In the guise of insuring civil rights, the bill extolls civil wrongs; it subverts true law; and puts a premium upon mob demands.

Under this bill the office of the Attorney General would become supreme in America, so far as the rights and privileges of our people are concerned. The "octopus - like claws" of the Federal bureaucracy would serve as a Gestapo — to regimend Americans according to the Federal will.

The people of this country have been led to believe that the bill before us is a toned down version of a more extreme proposal which had been pending in the Judiciary Committee for many months. The press has made much of the assertions that this is a compromise between more rigid proposals and no bill at all. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

The bill has not been toned down. The whole underlying principle is the same. The objectives are the same. It still regiments, it still protects the Federal arm of power into areas where the Constitution never intended it to go. The political purposes which the bill would serve are still active and forceful — and, in my opinion, thereon lies the basis for this entire issue.

We must remember that this bill was born of hysteria. We need to recall the series of events which brought it about. Last month scenes, the public disorder, and the demonstrations in city after city. The so-called march on Washington seems like a long time back now — but this was just at the climax of pressure which brought this bill into being.

But this was not enough. A new bill the one now before us — was forced on the committee and brought before us hastily, without any formal consideration, except in the Rules Committee. We have not lost sight of these circumstances — well explained in the minority report — as this is discussed. The truth of the matter is that the political necessities of the time appeared to require a civil rights bill — and one was brought forth.

The architects of this bill did their job well. I have to concede this to them. There is not much in the way of rights and freedoms that is not touched. Every segment of society, every facet of our free enterprise system and every rook and cranny in the country could be policed and regimented by the Federal Government under the powers contained in these proposals.

Every business in America would be affected in some way and the rights of the business man under our private enterprise system would be undermined. This bill is so broad that a power - hungry Justice Department and a judicial oligarchy could have a field day with it. It would be difficult to conceive of a more lusty grab for power.

Under this bill, the voting laws of every State could be tampered with; business could be told how to run their businesses; local school districts could be even more harrassed by the Federal Government; all Federal aid programs could be used as a lever to force the will of Federal authorities on millions of recipients; constitutional Federal actions — such as the Presidential busing order — would be legalized; and an army of Federal agents would be created to roam the length and breadth of the Nation to force their will upon every American. This is not a regional bill — it is a national bill. The powers sought in this proposal could strike at the heart of every section of our land. That which may affect the South today could well be used against the North, the West, or the Midwest tomorrow.

The potential dictatorship which this bill makes possible frightens me. We cannot foresee today what tomorrow will bring. This could be like a snowball — which will grow and grow, until one day we will wake up and find that the democracy we thought we had is nor more. This bill envisions the jailing of thousands of persons — if it is complied with fully. Merchants who endeavor to deprive us of the right to choose our associates and probably, in time to come, prevent us from worshiping the God of our choice.

Pamplin

Recent guests of Mrs. Green Garrett were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Garrett and children, Margaret Jean, Janice Fay, and Roger, of Drakes Branch; Mrs. Walter J. Payne and Mrs. Louise Blackwell.

Rev. Wilbur G. Maxwell and Tom Maxwell spent the week end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hamlett and Mr. and Mrs. Newton Womack and two children, Judy and Carolyn, all of Richmond, were week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Fulcher.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Dickerson were Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hungate and son, Darrell, from Roanoke; Mrs. George Williamson and daughter, from Lynchburg.

Over night visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fore was Mr. James Fore, Mr. Fore's brother, of Richmond.

Mrs. Fauvet, of Brookneal, met with the ladies of the Madisonville Presbyterian Church in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ramsey last Friday.

Sunday visitors in the C. E. Ramsey home were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jarnech, Carolyn and Patricia, miss Janice Price, of Appomattox and Mrs. Shelby Taylor and son, of Madisonville.

Wins Three Awards

David M. Smith, Appomattox county Fire Warden, won three awards recently while taking a Dale Carnegie public speaking course. One award was the Greatest Achievement, one for the best Speech, and the a Special Award.

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Sprout Spring 4-H

The Sprout Spring 4-H met Feb 7 1964 at 2:15. Alberta Putnam read a poem and had the School Prayer.

Before the meeting the ladders were told the rules by Miss Judy. The ladders were Mrs. Westly Martin, Mrs. Tod Morris and Carl Reynolds.

There were three acts

I. Lesley Lawhorn and Molly Martin in a skit call "A Paper of Pens."

II Roger Fielder, Earl Putnam and Frank Torrence in a skit called Johnny Appleseed and the Wolf.

III Gail Jones with Nancy and David Treee in a dialogue entitled Walking Tree at the Box Terminal.

After the acts Mr. Moody told about the Ozark Share-the-Fun Contest. He also made the announcements.

After this business meeting the ladders made afinal decision. Act III First with 80 points Act II second with 85 points. Act I was last with 55 points. Mrs. Simpson was there to take pictures. The president adjorned the meeting.

Rocks

Feb. 10 — Since the Ground Hog saw his shadow last Sunday that means bad weather. So you had better get in plenty of wood.

Debbie and Cindy Roach are about over the measles a it'd chicken pox.

Melinda and Teresa McDaniel are about again after having the chicken pox.

Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Jr. ordered Lynchburg General Hospital last Tuesday for treatment.

Mrs. Nancy Ramsey was visiting the latter's daughter, Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Jr. at Lynchburg General Hospital Tuesday night.

Mrs. Mildred Young of Prospect was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ethel Covington, at Creel Haven, Sun. Home Wednesday afternoon. She visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Sophia Payne at Pamplin while the same afternoon.

Mrs. Lewis Dickerson went back to see the doctor in Lynchburg Thursday afternoon. She is doing fine.

Thurman Wilson arrived here Wednesday from Durham.

Mrs. Nona Mitchell returned home Friday after a visit to Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McDaniel and daughters spent the week end in Waynesboro with Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Williams and family.

Darkleaf

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Many of us 'doodle' with a pencil, drawing all manner of doodiggers and what-nots on paper . . . but Pat is a champ at "doodling" at the piano. Surely, we have a wonderful on-coming generation and Bless them, one and all.

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A check at local outlets, shows that the Health Report on cigarette sales has not cut down much on sales, but that some ladies are buying pipes. They listed cigarette preferences in this order: Winston, Pall Mall, Parliament, Camel.

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Far be it from me to forget

BITUARIES

omas P. Keesee

s Pierce Keesee, 75, of a retired farmer and bus driver died unexpect-nday at Memorial Hos-

in Campbell County, he son of George Avery Foster Keesee. He was er of Calvary Baptist at Concord. He was a and past master of Mad-dge Reedy Spring 200 at

dition to his widow, Mrs. Martin Keesee, he is by six daughters, Mrs. Burnette, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. J. R. Goff, sburg; Mrs. Clyde King s. Filmore Tweedy, both ord; and Mrs. C. D. Godstuart; two sons, Revely of Rustburg and T. P. Jr. of Prince George children.

al services were held st Calvary Baptist in Concord by the Rev. Switzer and the Rev. B ngston, with burial in Cemetery. Pallbearers Thomas Booth, Newton n, J. T. Burleigh, Wil-ese, Otis Lee Watkins, Black, R. T. Coleman ton C. Keesee. Masonic were performed by Reedy Lodge No. 203 of Concord rave.

Infant Smith

Edward Smith, 2½-year Friday at Medical Col-irginia Hospital in Rich-

survived by his parents erbert Smith and Lois Smith; one brother; Lynn Smith; maternal ndma, Mr. and Mrs. Shaner; and paternal ndparents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, all of Appomat-

al services were conduct-p.m. Sunday from the n Funeral Home here by . O. D. Moore. Burial Liberty Cemetery. Pall-were Calvin Childress, Smith, Freddy Grishaw n Phelps.

er-Price Attendance

hite, 1st Grade — Sharon Lawrence Bagby, Delaewis.

ade, 1st Grade — Lacy Marilyn Washington.

Pullen, 2nd Grade — Lampkin.

Hendricks, 2nd Grade White

len, 3rd Grade —Geral-dine Dillard, Bessie Ferguson, Zelda Lewis, Lavern Washington, Brenda Watkins, Dreametta Younger.

Mrs. Turner, 3rd Grade — Lelia Austin, Aquilla McCoy, Patricia Patrick, Mary Wood, Maxwell Gafford, Michael Hancock, Phillip Goode, Norman Younger.

Mrs. Brown, 4th Grade —Wanda Ferguson, Gladys Walker, Ruby White, Mary Wright, Leroy Robinson.

Mrs. Beasley, 4th Grade—Gertrude Walker, Annie Gillispie, Frances Wood, Darry Dillard, Caksal Cawthron Maressa Jones, Terry Jones, Patricia Patterson, Herman Diuguid.

Mrs. Cecil, 5th Grade—Darnell Washington, Joseph Dillard, Elizabeth Eanes, Bernice Ackers, Tony Allen, Welton Gafford.

Mrs. Webb, 5th Grade — Earl Austin, Alphonsia Morgan, John Thomas Walker, Beverly Wright, Wilburt Ferguson, Brenda Dillard, May Walker, Joyce Dominican.

Mrs. West, 6th Grade — John Garrett, Stevens Humbles, Willie Moseley, Joe Ann Humbles, Maxine Lewis, Carolyn McCoy, Augustine Petty, Patricia Pankey, Joan Walker, Yvonne Woolridge.

Mrs. Hamlet, 6th Grade —Ralph Johnson, Margaret Petty, Shirley Walker, Freda Walker, Joyce Petty.

Mrs. Hale, 7th Grade — Doris Austin, Diane Reed, Margaret Roberston, Alfreda Watson, Clarence Johns, Michael McCoy, John Paige.

Mrs. Watkins, 7th Grade — George Ferguson, Albert Lamberth, Willie Jones, Betty Preston, Mary Webb.

Mr. Moseley, 9th Grade—Ronald Franklin, Connie Jones, Isetta Lewis, Lindale Megginson.

Mrs. Lewis, 8th Grade — John Dillard, Donnie Franklin, Richard Megginson, Raymond Morgan, Harold Patterson, Jo Ann Bell, Peggy Kidd, Phyllis Lewis, Edmonia Pollard, Brenda Walker, Elaine Ward, Viola Johnson.

Rev. Lawing 8th Grade—Selvesta Dillard, James Harvey, Elliott Cheatham, Paul Lipford, David Humbles, Linsey Fleshman, Rosena Ferguson, Margaret Hudson Betty Jones.

Mrs. Foster, 10th Grade — Ray mond Elliott, Carlton Pennix, Barbara Hunber, Catherine Johnson, Cora Napier, Wilma Watson.

Mrs. Foster, 10th Grade —Carrie Woolridge, Edna Wright, Mattie Wright.

Miss Betts, 11th Grade— Evelyn Cheatham, Martha Humbles, Mary Reed, Barbara Turner, Carl Moore.

Mr. Williams, 12th Grade—Bennie Walker, Steve Watson, Juanita Lawing.

Carver-Price 99% Attendance

Mrs. White, 1st Grade— Shelby Pankey.

Mrs. Goode, 1st Grade —Tibby Allen, Joyce Foster.

Mrs. Pullen, 2nd Grade —Bobby Chambers, Monica Branford, Frances Watson.

Mrs. Hendricks, 2nd Grade — Henry Robinson, John Henry, Brenda Stevens, Valrie Paige.

Mrs. Mable Allen, 3rd Grade — Rosetta Berkley, Vivian Garrett Velda Lewis, Deborah Preston, Ernestine Saunders.

Mrs. Turner, 3rd Grade —Cynthia Bagby, Beatrice Henry, Marilyn Randolyn, Gwendolyn Jerome Duiguid, Theodore Johns Jerome White.

Mrs. Brown, 4th Grade, Harry Troxler.

Mrs. Beasley, 4th Grade— Leslie Turner, Winston Burns, Bruice McCoy, Samuel Ferguson.

Mrs. Cecil. 5th Grade — Peggy Pennix, Melvin Lambert, Hezekiah Petty, Brenda Dulguid.

Mrr. Webb, 5th Grade — Warner Lewis, Annie Wright, Bertha Wright, Jacquetta Robinson.

Mrs. West, 6th Grade — Joyce Scott, Marilyn Booker, Madelyn Snell.

Mrs. Hamlet, 6th Grade—Emma Jackson.

Mrs. Hale, 7th Grade — Michall Lewis.

Mrs. Watkins, 7th Grade—Cassandra Berry, Loretta Morgan.

Mrs. Lewis, 8th Grade—Richard Booker, Madlyn Carter, Barlow Ferguson, Beverly Jones, Jones Luther, Roy Smith.

Rev. Lawing, 8th Grade—Henry Walker, Jan White.

Mr. Moseley, 9th Grade— Juanita Robinson, Thurman Jones, Calvin McCoy, Stewart Robinson, Vera Bell, Lucy Ferguson, Annie Jones, Mary Matthews.

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New Girl Scout Troop

There's a new Scout troop in town meeting at Memorial Methodist Church. Roy Moon is the leader. Troop members as shown above, include, in the first row: Aileen Torrence. Kathryn Sharp, Cornelia Guill, Martha Roach, and Neville Torrence. In the second row: Carolyn Hudson, Doris Giles, Dreama Edmunds, Becky Harvey, Deborah Pierce, Linda Harvey, and Betty Ferguson. In the third row: Mary Nell Doss, Nancye Mathews, Brenda Trent, Debbie Caldwell, Telen Rogers, Patricia Harden, and Scout leader, Mrs. Moon. Assistant leaders are Mrs. Jack Adams and Mrs. Frank Wooldridge. Mrs. Jack Mathews is chairman of the Troop committee.

Public Invited To Observances Of Negro History Week, Friday

Group II, District V, Virginia Interscholastic and Athletic Association held its second meeting at the Carver Price High School last Monday evening at 6 p.m. The president, M.M. Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:15. The following program was carried out in an effective manner. The general meeting was held in the gymnorium. The following program was presented Invocation, Rev. R. Q. Lawing; Minutes of the last meeting, Mr. G. L. Jenkins, Introduction of new principals and teachers by the president and a general statement and recommendations by the presidents. The following group sessions were held: Athletics. Drama, Forensics, Music Science and Mathematic and Student Participation Association The following business session was held at 7:30.

The athletic group reported that the finals for the basketball season will be held at the following schools: March 4 at the Russell Grove High School in Amelia March 6. The second game will be held at the Carter G. Woodson High School in Dillwyn and the final game which will determine the winner will be played at the Carver Price High School on Saturday, March 7. The patrons and friends are asked to support each event.

Negro History week is being observed at the local high school this week. Mr. E. T. Johnson history teacher is in charge of the activities. A special assembly program will be given this Friday at 2 p.m. in the auditorium. The public is invitted to attend.

Impressive services were held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The Rev. Peredina Shelton, missionary of Hasadiah Baptist Association was the guest speaker. Special music was rendered by the church choir. The offering for the day was very good.

An appreciative crowd attended the evening services at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 7:30. The Rev. Raymond Turner was the guest speaker. Special music was rendered by the church choir. The leader of the Month's Rally, Mrs. Dorothy Thonton, made her report. She reported for the month of February the sum of $52.00 a grand total of $63.00 was reported for the entire service. The pastor of the church thanked the leader and gave the final remarks. Mrs. Annie Harver will be the leader for the March service. All members of the church are asked to cooperate.

Funeral services for the late Russell Jennings were conducted from the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church last Monday evening at 3:15. The deceased was the son of the late Louis and Rosa Jennings, of Appomattox County, Va. He died in New York City last Wednesday after an illness of several weeks. The pastor of the Chestnut Grove Church delivered the eulogy. He was assisted in the service by the Rev. R. Q. Lawing who served as master of ceremony and read the church letter and the family obituary. Special music was rendered by the church choir. Mrs. Ann Fleshman served at the organ. The following survive: Two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Pannell, of Appomattox, and Miss Evelyn Jennings, of Long Island, N. Y. Three brothers, Mr. Lloyd Jennings of Ohio, Mr. Edward Jennings, of West Virginia, and Mr. Clarence Jennings of Appomattox, and a host of other relatives and friends. Burial was held in the church cemetery with the Rev. R. A. Edwards officiating. Arrangements were conducted by the West Funeral Home.

The public is cordially invited to attend the regular preaching services at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at the regular preaching hour.

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Let It Burn

Firemen from Appomattox were called out last week to a fire just off Route 26, north of Appomattox. But when they arrived, the property owners asked them to "let it burn." Seems that someone else, noting a fire, called in the alarm, and the farmer concerned was simply burning off a site for a tobacco planting bed. However, Fire Chief Ned Hancock has praised the quick thinking of those who turn in alarms early. He asks everyone's cooperation in preventing fires — and in turning in alarms when fire is out of control.

Birthday List

James E. Maxwell — Feb. 24
Betty A. Maxwell — Feb. 26

Radioactivity Is Nothing New

Radioactivity is nothing new. It's as old as the earth; much older than man. All living things are continuously being bombarded by small amounts of harmless natural radiation. Nothing can destroy radioactivity except time and its own decay.

Although radioactivity is old stuff, fallout is a modern term to describe a modern threat, says L. B. Wilkins, Extension Rural Civil Defense Specialist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. It requires modern knowledge and modern protection. After a nuclear explosion, radioactive fallout would give off a form of energy called gamma rays. This is a kind of invisible light to which all materials, including the human body, are partly transparent. Overexposure to these rays can make you sick or kill you. The only way to protect yourself from fallout is to get as much shielding as possible between you and the sources of these rays.

Everyone needs shelter from radioactive fallout because no one knows how many or what and no one knows where the winds might carry the fallout.

A shelter needn't be elegant, only safe. You should be ready to take advantage of the best shelter available at all times. In event of surprise attack, most people won't know even approximately how much radiation they have been exposed to, notes Wilkins. Only those who go into an adequate shelter before fallout arrives, and stay there, can be sure of escaping radiation sickness.

A few hours and a little money may be all it will take to build fallout protection into part of your home, Wilkins emphasizes that is a small price to pay for survival insurance.

J. A. Smith, county agent, has copies of "Your Family Survival Plan" and "Your Farm Preparedness Plan," and is ready to help you make your plans targets an enemy might strike now.

Feed Gain Program Explained By ASCS State Exec. Director

Committeemen and county office managers of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) met Tuesday, January 28, in Lynchburg to make plans for signing farmers under the 1964 feed grain program.

The signup under the program will commence on Monday, Feb. 10, and will end on Friday, Monday, March 27, 1964.

Attending the meeting were ASC county committeemen and office managers and county agent from Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Botetourt, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Craig, Cumberland, Franklin, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward and Roanoke counties.

They heard W. T. Powers, ASCS State Executive Director, review the national situation with respect to feed grain supplies. He pointed out that under the previous programs in 1961, 1962 and 1963 over a million farms each year had diverted upwards of 25 million acres.

In the first two years of the program feed grain carryover stocks were lowered from 85 million tons to about 60 million tons, a reduction of around 30 per cent. When final figures on the 1963 program are compiled, the downward trend will continue. This reduction in feed grain stocks results in tremendous saving to the government in storage and handling costs.

Besides reducing the supplies of feed grain and government storage costs, Powers said that the 1964 program aims to stabilize feed prices, increase farm income and improve income from livestock. He noted that the acreage diverted from feed grains is put to conserving use thus increasing the nation's resources of soil fertility.

Other representatives of the ASCS State Office explained the principal provisions of the 1964 grain program. Among the features of the program are:

(1) Participation is voluntary.

(2) It combines corn, grain sorghum and barley into a single "feed grain base" which is based on the 1959-60 average acreage of these crops on a farm.

(3) Participating farmers will qualify for payments on diverted acres and in addition will qualify for price support payments on feed grain acreage produced. Approximately half of the diversion payment may be made when the producer signs up to participate if he so desires.

(4) Diverted acres must be shifted to conservation use. The ASCS officials stated that the 1964 program has some attractive features not included in the 1963 program, such as:

(1) The maximum feed grain acreage which may be diverted on a farm has been raised to 50 per cent (from 40 per cent) of the base.

(2) The average payment rate per acre for diverting 40 per cent or more will be substantially higher than in 1963.

As was the case under the 1963 program, regular price support loans on corn, grain sorghum and barley will be available only to participants in the 1964 program.

Over 20,000 farms in Virginia participated in the 1963 feed grain program earning approximately $6,500,000 by diverting acreages of corn, grain sorghum and barley.

Speakers on the program emphasized that growers must sign applications by March 27 to take part in the program and must comply with the program's provisions in order to earn payments.

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"Yes," agreed the widow, shaking her head seriously, "nor swim."

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